

# 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

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## 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

## 2. Fiscal Year

2018

## 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council

## 3b. GSA Committee No.

2064

## 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

## 5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

## 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

## 7. Expected Term Date

## 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

## 8b. Specific Termination Authority

5 U.S.C. Appendix

## 8c. Actual Term Date

## 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

## 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

## 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

## 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

## 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

## 13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

## 14. Committee Type

Continuing

## 14c. Presidential?

No

## 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

## 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

## 17a. Open 1 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 1 17d. Total 2 Meetings and Dates

### Purpose

The 15-member RAC advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the BLM Nevada State Director, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Nevada.

Meeting agenda topics include updates on Wildfire, Burning Man, Wild Horses and Burros, Jordan Meadows Collaborative process, Mining, RAC subcommittee reports, and District manager's updates.

Both the meeting and field trip are open to the public.

### Start

### End

10/12/2017 - 10/13/2017

The Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC covers a geographic area approximately coinciding with the Sierra Nevada, Malheur High Plateau, Humboldt, Fallon-Lovelock and Carson Basin major land resource areas. These areas include federal public lands administered by the BLM-Carson City and Winnemucca District Offices in Humboldt, Pershing, Washoe, Storey, Carson City, Douglas, Churchill, Lyon, Mineral, and Nye Counties in Nevada and small portions of Alpine, Lassen & Sierra Counties in California. This meeting was held as a part of a Nevada "Tri-RAC" meeting, where three Nevada RACs (Mojave-Southern Great Basin, Northeastern Great Basin, and Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin) held a joint meeting with break-out sessions for each. Minutes for the Tri-RAC meeting, the Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin breakout session, and relevant subcommittee meetings are included in this record.

01/24/2018 - 01/25/2018

## Number of Committee Meetings Listed: 2

	Current FY	Next FY
<b>18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff</b>	\$4,376.00	\$25,000.00
<b>18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
<b>18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff</b>	\$0.00	\$4,500.00
<b>18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants</b>	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)</b>	\$175.00	\$500.00
<b>18d. Total</b>	\$4,551.00	\$45,000.00
<b>19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)</b>	0.05	0.20

## 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The RAC provides advice and feedback from a wide variety of interested citizens in a single, interactive forum at regularly scheduled meetings. BLM provide updates to RAC members on BLM activities within the relevant districts as well.

## 20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?

The Sierra-Front Northwestern Great Basin Resource Advisory Council is composed of 15 members when nominations are processed and approved. The members are distributed in a balanced fashion among the following groups. Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry, or energy and mineral development. Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests, or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups. Category III includes state, county, or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences, or represent the public-at-large.

## **20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

Usually, two meetings of the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC are held within the year. The RAC met twice in FY18. The RAC provides significant counsel and advice to the BLM on a variety of resource management programs and projects.

## **20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The RAC allows BLM managers to receive advice and feedback from a wide variety of interested citizens in a single, interactive forum at regularly scheduled meetings. The RAC provides the various interests in a single forum to discuss issues and reach consensus.

## **20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public.

## **21. Remarks**

The SFNWGB RAC did not provide recommendations in FY18.

## **Designated Federal Officer**

Colleen Dulin BLM Carson City District Manager

<b>Committee Members</b>	<b>Start</b>	<b>End</b>	<b>Occupation</b>	<b>Member Designation</b>
Cerri, Ron	09/26/2012	02/04/2019	Rancher	Representative Member
Dufurrena, Tim	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Rancher	Representative Member
Gingerich, Matt	11/09/2010	02/04/2019	NV Energy	Representative Member
Herman, Jeanne	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Washoe County Commissioner	Representative Member
Irwin, Patrick	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Emergency Management System Representative and Program Manager for the State of NV.	Representative Member
Jones, Robert	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Nevada Department of Wildlife	Representative Member
Keil, Ron	02/20/2015	09/06/2021	Retired Forest Service	Representative Member
Roukey, Kevin	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Sr. Regulatory Specialist, Associate Consultant	Representative Member
Scott, Paul	09/06/2018	09/06/2021	Sprint Radio Engineer	Representative Member
Snyder, Kyle	01/06/2012	09/06/2021	Ormat Technology	Representative Member
Ugalde, John	02/04/2016	02/04/2019	Rancher	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 11**

### Narrative Description

The RAC met twice in FY18.

### What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Outcome Comments

N/A

### What are the cost savings associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

### Cost Savings Comments

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Sierra Front-Northwestern Great Basin RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

### What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?

53

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC did not develop recommendations in FY18.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

49%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

Zero

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

The RAC did not develop recommendations in FY18.

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☐ No ☒ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The RAC is provided with feedback reports from both the BLM's Carson City and Winnemucca District Offices.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

N/A

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

Access is provided to information for the RAC via e-mail, written correspondence, telephone calls, and the RAC website.